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Honorable Nathanael M. Cousins United States Magistrate Judge 450 Golden Gate Avenue 15th Floor, Courtroom A San Francisco, CA 94

Re: Peter Dixon v. City of Oakland, et al.

United States District Court No. C12-5207 DMR

Our File No. 28890

Dear Judge Cousins:

The captioned matter is set for settlement conference on February 13, 2014. I will be appearing on behalf of defendants City of Oakland, Patrick Gerrans, Robert Gerrans, Steve Toribio, Roberto Garcia and Bernard Ortiz. By this letter, I seek an order excusing the individual officers from attending. A member of the Oakland Police Department command staff, Lt. Eric Lewis will be attending.

Sgt. Ortiz is out on a medical-psychiatric leave and is under doctor's orders to avoid work-related matters. Officer Patrick Gerrans, now with the San Francisco Police Department, and Officers Robert Gerrans and Roberto Garcia had minimal contact with the plaintiff. Officer Steve Toribio is scheduled to teach at a mandatory training academy on February 13. Lance Pedersen, who represents the other defendants, and Michael Haddad, plaintiff's attorney, have no objection to this request.

Thank you for the Court's consideration.

Very truly yours,

City Attorney

Barbara J. Parker

Dated: February 6, 2014

APPROVED

Judge Nathanael M. Cousins

By:

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